## **Draw & Color**

Choose one community you are a part of. Draw a picture of yourself doing something fun with the people in that community.



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Pentecost 15

Matthew 18:15-20

# Community

"You know," said Mary Magdalene, "it's so great that we get to be together in a big, loving community."

Andrew said, "Well, not always. Sometimes we're mean to each other."

"That's just being human," Peter said. "It takes work to get along."

Jesus smiled. "That's right. If you feel like someone has hurt your feelings, talk to them about it. Be honest and kind. If they don't listen, bring another person with you. Hopefully you can all find a way to live together in peace."

"I wish we could always be together with you, Jesus," said Salome.

"You can!" Jesus said. "Any time two or three of you get together to talk about my love, I'm right there with you, even if you don't see me."

Salome smiled a big smile. "That's wonderful!"



### **REMEMBER THIS**

#### COMMUNITY

A group of people with something in common who are committed to each other in some way.



## **COMMUNITY CROSSWORD**

Use the story on the first page to help you fill in the crossword puzzle.

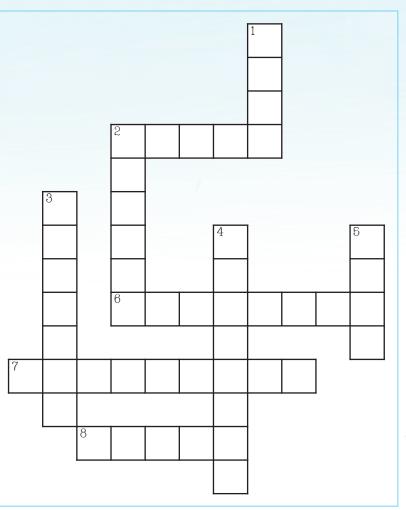
Jesus' friends lived together in [7 ACROSS]. But sometimes they were [1 DOWN] to each other.

"That's just being [2 ACROSS]," Peter said. "It takes [5 DOWN] to get [8 ACROSS]."

Jesus smiled. "If someone hurts your [4 DOWN], talk to them about it. Be [2 DOWN] and kind."

"I wish we could always be with you, Jesus," said Salome.

"You can!" Jesus said. "Any time two or three of you get **[6 ACROSS]** to talk about my love, I'm right there **[3 DOWN]** (two words), even if you don't see me."



### **Did You Know?**

You can be part of lots of communities at once. A family is a community. So is a school, a club, a church, a neighborhood, a shared interest, a cultural group, and more!



Make a list of all the different communities you're a part of.

Are you surprised with how many you came up with?

